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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Truc T. T. Nguyen	2833
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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-2, 4-16, 24, 36-40 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The examiner agrees with the applicant that the prior art of record fails to teach the claimed invention.

Claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9-16, the prior art of record fails to teach one contact contacts one receptacle during insertion and prior to being seated.

Claims 8, 24 and 36-40, the prior art of record fails to teach a ring portion being offset from the receptacle contacts along the central axis to resist removal of the plug from the receptacle when the plug body is in seated position.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Truc T. T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2011. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800 extension 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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